

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

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In re	:	Chapter 9
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CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN,	:	Case No. 13-53846
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Debtor.	:	Hon. Steven W. Rhodes
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**CERTIFICATION OF NO RESPONSE OR OBJECTION
REGARDING MOTION OF DEBTOR, PURSUANT TO
SECTION 362(d)(1) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, FOR
ENTRY OF AN ORDER LIFTING THE AUTOMATIC
STAY TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO PERMIT
APPEALS OF CITY PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS
TO PROCEED IN THE ORDINARY COURSE (Docket No. 275)**

On August 2, 2013, the Motion of Debtor, Pursuant to Section 362(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, for Entry of an Order Lifting the Automatic Stay to the Extent Necessary to Permit Appeals of City Property Tax Assessments to Proceed in the Ordinary Course (Docket No. 275) (the "Motion"), was filed with this Court and served by the City of Detroit, Michigan (the "City"), on the parties identified on the Certificate of Service (Docket No. 304) attached hereto as Exhibit A via electronic mail, facsimile and overnight mail. Attached as Exhibit 2 to the Motion was a Notice of Hearing identifying August 16, 2013 as the deadline for objections

to the Motion (the "Objection Deadline"). A copy of the Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

No response or objection to the Motion was filed with the Court by the Objection Deadline. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 9014-1(c) of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the City respectfully requests that the Court enter a final order in form attached hereto as Exhibit C (the "Proposed Order"). A blackline of the Proposed Order against the form of proposed order attached as Exhibit 1 to the Motion is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

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Case No. 13-53846

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Hon. Steve W. Rhodes

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lydia Pastor Nino, certify and say that I am employed by Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC (KCC), the proposed claims and noticing agent for the Debtor in the above-captioned case.

On August 2, 2013, at my direction and under my supervision, employees of KCC caused to be served the following document via Email on the service list attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; via Fax on the service list attached hereto as **Exhibit B**; and via Overnight mail on the service list attached hereto as **Exhibit C**:

- **Motion of Debtor, Pursuant to Section 362(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, for Entry of an Order Lifting the Automatic Stay to the Extent Necessary to Permit Appeals of City Property Tax Assessments to Proceed in the Ordinary Course** [Docket No. 275]

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EXHIBIT B

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Retiree Representative	Detroit Police Benefit and Protective Association	Attn: Delbert R. Jennings, Sr.	313-870-9330
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EXHIBIT C

Exhibit C
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Union Representative	AFSCME Local #1642	Attn: Gina Thompson-Mitchell	600 W. Lafayette, Ste. L – 123			Detroit	MI	48226
Retiree Representative	Detroit Firemen's Fund Association	Attn: Kim Fett	250 W. Larned Street, Suite 202			Detroit	MI	48226
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EXHIBIT B

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Eastern District of Michigan**

In re:

CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN,

Debtor.

Chapter: 9

Case No.: 13-53846

Judge: Hon. Steven W. Rhodes

Address: 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1126
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Last four digits of Social Security or
Employer's Tax Identification (EIN) No(s).(if any): 38-6004606

**NOTICE OF MOTION OF DEBTOR, PURSUANT TO SECTION 362(d)(1)
OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER LIFTING
THE AUTOMATIC STAY TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO PERMIT APPEALS
OF CITY PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS TO PROCEED IN THE ORDINARY COURSE**

The City of Detroit, Michigan ("Detroit" or the "City") has filed papers with the Court seeking entry of an order, pursuant to section 362(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, lifting the automatic stay to the extent necessary to permit appeals of City property tax assessments to proceed in the ordinary course.

Your rights may be affected. You should read these papers carefully and discuss them with your attorney, if you have one in this bankruptcy case. (If you do not have an attorney, you may wish to consult one.)

If you do not want the court to grant the relief sought in the motion, or if you want the court to consider your views on the motion, **on or by August 16, 2013**, you or your attorney must:

1. File with the court a written response or an answer, explaining your position at:¹

United States Bankruptcy Court
United States Bankruptcy Court
211 W. Fort Street, Suite 2100
Detroit, MI 48226

If you mail your response to the court for filing, you must mail it early enough so the court will **receive** it on or before the date stated above. All attorneys are required to file pleadings electronically.

¹ Any response or answer must comply with F. R. Civ. P. 8(b), (c) and (e).

You must also mail a copy to:

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Heather Lennox (OH 0059649)
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Facsimile: (313) 496-7500

2. If a response or answer is timely filed and served, the Court will schedule a hearing on the motion and you will be served with a notice of the date, time and location of the hearing.

If you or your attorney do not take these steps, the Court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought in the motion or objection and may enter an order granting that relief.

Dated: August 2, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Heather Lennox

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EXHIBIT C

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

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In re	: Chapter 9
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CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN,	: Case No. 13-53846
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Debtor.	: Hon. Steven W. Rhodes
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**ORDER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 362(d)(1) OF THE
BANKRUPTCY CODE, LIFTING THE AUTOMATIC STAY TO THE
EXTENT NECESSARY TO PERMIT APPEALS OF CITY PROPERTY
TAX ASSESSMENTS TO PROCEED IN THE ORDINARY COURSE**

This matter coming before the Court on the Motion of Debtor,
Pursuant to Section 362(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, for Entry of an Order
Lifting the Automatic Stay to the Extent Necessary to Permit Appeals of City
Property Tax Assessments to Proceed in the Ordinary Course (Docket No. 275)
(the "Motion"),¹ filed by the City of Detroit, Michigan (the "City"); the Court
having reviewed the Motion and the Keelean Affidavit; the City having filed a
Certification of No Response with respect to the Motion with the Court; and the
Court finding that: (a) the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Motion.

28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; (b) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and (c) notice of the Motion was sufficient under the circumstances; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and the Keelean Affidavit establish sufficient "cause" for the relief granted herein within the meaning of section 362(d) of the Bankruptcy Code;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is GRANTED.
2. Relief from the Stay is granted to the extent necessary to permit the Assessment Appeal Process to proceed in the ordinary course to determine the appeals and liquidate claim amounts, if any. For the avoidance of doubt, the Assessment Appeal Process includes any proceeding relating to real or personal property assessments, valuations, rates, special assessments, refunds, allocation or equalization, or any other proceeding brought before the Tribunals under the property tax laws of the State of Michigan or the City.
3. The Stay is lifted only to the extent necessary to allow the Assessment Appeal Process to proceed in the ordinary course and is not modified to permit collection or other activities to recover any refund, overpayment or other claim against the City.
4. This Order grants relief from the Stay only with regard to property tax appeals brought against the City, grants no relief as to any claim

brought against an officer or inhabitant of the City and does not modify, in any way, this Court's Order Pursuant to Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code Extending the Chapter 9 Stay to Certain (a) State Entities, (b) Non-Officer Employees and (c) agents and Representatives of the Debtor (Docket No. 166), entered on July 25, 2013.

5. This Order shall not be stayed pursuant to Rule 4001(a)(3) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3) and shall be effective immediately.

EXHIBIT D

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

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In re	: Chapter 9
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CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN,	: Case No. 13-53846
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Debtor.	: Hon. Steven W. Rhodes
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**ORDER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 362(d)(1) OF THE
BANKRUPTCY CODE, LIFTING THE AUTOMATIC STAY TO THE
EXTENT NECESSARY TO PERMIT APPEALS OF CITY PROPERTY
TAX ASSESSMENTS TO PROCEED IN THE ORDINARY COURSE**

This matter coming before the Court on the Motion of Debtor, Pursuant to Section 362(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, for Entry of an Order Lifting the Automatic Stay to the Extent Necessary to Permit Appeals of City Property Tax Assessments to Proceed in the Ordinary Course, [\(Docket No. 275\)](#) (the "Motion"),¹ filed by the City of Detroit, Michigan (the "City"); the Court having reviewed the Motion, [and](#) the Keelean Affidavit ~~and~~ [the City](#) having ~~considered the statements of counsel and the evidence adduced~~ [filed a Certification of No Response](#) with respect to the Motion ~~at a hearing before~~ [with](#) the Court ~~(the "Hearing")~~; and the Court finding that: (a) the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; (b) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); [and](#) (c) notice of the Motion ~~and the Hearing~~ was sufficient under the circumstances; ~~and (d)~~ and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion, [and](#) the Keelean Affidavit ~~and at the Hearing~~ establish sufficient "cause" for the relief granted herein within the meaning of section 362(d) of the Bankruptcy Code;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is GRANTED.

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Motion.

2. Relief from the Stay is granted to the extent necessary to permit the Assessment Appeal Process to proceed in the ordinary course to determine the appeals and liquidate claim amounts, if any. For the avoidance of doubt, the Assessment Appeal Process includes any proceeding relating to real or personal property assessments, valuations, rates, special assessments, refunds, allocation or equalization, or any other proceeding brought before the Tribunals under the property tax laws of the State of Michigan or the City.

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